

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING URA MEETING**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore
Brian Fisher
Lisa Shortell
Lionel Laratte (virtually)
Dee Merriam

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant
Shannon Powell
Ellen Powell
Stephen Quinn
Gina Hill
Don Huff
Marcel Jackson
Adrian Langston
Harry Hess

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Electric Vehicle Chargers**
A single post 1.5kW dual charger is needed to support the police for daytime charging. Three bids were gathered ranging from \$11,485.00 to \$20,104.94. The recommended vendor is Indigo Energy due to the lowest bidding price. Indigo Energy was also the only vendor able to install the fleet charger in the preferred location.

City Manager Bryant talked about the three electric cars purchased for members of the police force and the need for chargers to be installed at city hall. He described the chargers they need and noted they hope to use grant funds to buy public chargers as well. Mr. Bryant described the desire to have the chargers installed in specific areas at the back of the city hall parking lot. The chargers will not be installed for about three months, he added, and they would continue to use free chargers around the city until then. Mr. Bryant fielded questions from the BOMC and they voiced support. Chief Hess said the savings he has seen for his car has been better than expected.

Item #4

Hydrologic Model

A request for proposals (RFP) was posted to find qualified firms to build a hydrologic stormwater model of the City's drainage as a decision-making tool to develop recommendations to address flooding and infrastructure concerns. Six vendors responded to the RFP and were evaluated. It was determined after interviews and negotiations that Dewberry possessed the best price and experience for Avondale Estates.

City Manager Bryant gave some background on this item. He said it will help staff better design stormwater solutions. Assistant City Manager Powell provided more detail in response to questions from the BOMC. This item will be voted on at the next meeting, along with the above item.

Item #5

Contract with Beth Mahany for Financial Services

City Manager Bryant reported that staff has been using outside help part time for day-to-day finance issues. He said he is asking the BOMC to approve up to \$25,000 for her work moving forward. Mr. Bryant felt she's a valuable asset. Commissioner Shortell pointed out the city has been saving money by not paying a finance director or officer in several months. This will also be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Item #6

A Discussion of Back-Door Sanitation Service

At the last work session, the Director of Public Works and members of his department spoke about the challenges of back-door garbage pickup. Discussion on this topic will continue.

City Manager Bryant recapped this issue that had been brought up at the previous work session. He then outlined potential plans to change sanitation pickup to once a week from the curb. Mr. Bryant said that could allow employees to also pick up recycling – including film recycling -- and bring that service in house and thus passing along savings to residents. More research still needs to be done, he added. These changes could free up staff to care for greenspace. Members of the BOMC were supportive of going down this path. The group discussed communicating any changes to residents and making sure the elderly or disabled could still get back door garbage pickup. Staff will continue to gather information and this discussion will continue.


Bill Hover remembered that during budget discussions, staff said the sanitation fee had to increase if two-day, back door pickup was to continue. He advised staff to consider this in their messaging. City Manager Bryant said the sanitation fee is for the city to collect sanitation and not for back door pickup. Jan Hover reminded everyone that the residents decided to remain committed to in house sanitation. Stacey Bearden had questions about the proposed process and Mr. Bryant responded. She was in favor of having a truck that empties the cans without people having to do it. Mr. Bryant agreed. Paul Dorroh had a question about yard waste pickup. Mr. Bryant responded that it could be done at the same time.

Item #7 Public Comment: None

Item #8 **Executive Session with the Downtown Development Authority – Real Estate**
Commissioner Shortell moved to enter executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to exit executive session. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #9 Adjournment
Commissioner Shortell moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED OCTOBER 12TH, 2022



Gina Hill, City Clerk